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Town Officers, 1945-46

MODERATOR
Adin A. Green

CLERK
Leslie W. Knowles

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
Adin A. Green
Leslie E. Wharff — Lynwood L. Leighton

TREASURER
Sumner L. Hart

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Eleanor B. Wharff
Ella E. Leighton — Mary A. Leighton

SUPERINTENDENT
Claude L. Sidelinger

FENCE VIEWERS
Clifford A. Leighton — Irving G. Preble

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER
Rodney J. Leighton — Leslie W. Knowles

BALLOT CLERKS
Maggie Merrill, Rep. — Mildred Packard, Dem.
Harry M. Prescott, Rep. — Coney E. Packard, Dem.

ROAD COMMISSIONER
Lynwood L. Leighton

FIRE WARD
Coney E. Packard

MOTHERS' AID
Annie B. Weston — Affie M. Knowles
Evelina Knowles

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND BARK
William L. Earley

SEXTON
Burton L. Knowles

CONSTABLES
Sumner L. Hart
Burton L. Knowles
Sylvanus L. Cook

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Fred M. Hescock

HEALTH OFFICER
William L. Earley
Leslie W. Knowles

BOARD OF HEALTH
Mary G. Leighton
Eugene V. Weston

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
William L. Earley

POUND KEEPER
Sumner L. Hart

TAX COLLECTOR
Burton L. Knowles

ATTENDANCE OFFICER
Leslie W. Knowles

FIELD DRIVER
Eugene V. Weston

LOCAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Burton N. Packard, Jr.

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS
Coney E. Packard
Bruce A. Packard
Archie L. Bragg

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Christine Packard
Eleanor B. Wharff
Burton N. Packard, Sr.
Leslie E. Wharff
Sumner L. Hart
Lynwood L. Leighton
Leslie W. Knowles
Adin A. Green
Hugh S. Goodell

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Piscataquis, ss.

To Sumner L. Hart, a Constable in the Town of Willimantic, County of Piscataquis and State of Maine.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Willimantic, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the ~~18~~th day of March 1946 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to accept all town reports.

Art. 3. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen.

Art. 5. To choose three or more assessors.

Art. 6. To choose three or more overseers of the poor.

Art. 7. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 8. To choose one or more school committee.

Art. 9. To choose one or more fire wards for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To choose a tax collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum the town will vote to pay the tax collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will elect one member of the municipal board of Mothers' Aid for a term of three years.

Art. 14. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and poor, repairs of roads and bridges and defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise the amount of $45.00 for Special Resolve Maintenance.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will raise for summer roads and bridges.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Merrill road so-called, for winter travel.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Crockett road so-called, for winter travel.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Whitcomb road so-called, for winter travel.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to purchase a snow plow, and raise money for same.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine or grader, and raise money for same.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take in regards to plowing the snow roads, seasons of 1946 and 1947.

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will raise for winter roads and snow fences.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will raise for cutting bushes on Third Class roads, under the provisions of Chapter 334, P. L. 1945.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for road patrol maintenance, and how much, for the ensuing year.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $150.00 for the maintenance of Third Class roads under Sec. 52, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944.

Art. 29. To see what action the town will take in regard to the $600.00 unexpended State Aid road money, held over from 1942 and 1945.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the construction of State Aid road (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will raise for town charges.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to maintain only two schools in the town, and to instruct the superintending school committee to make plans for consolidation.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to run No. 1 school for the ensuing year.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to run No. 2 school for the ensuing year.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to run No. 3 school for the ensuing year.

Art. 36. To see what action the town will take in regard to wiring the schoolhouses for electricity.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise $48.75 for school insurance account.

Art. 38. To see what action the town will take in regard to having the snow plowed from the school driveways, season of 1946 and 1947.

Art. 39. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools.

Art. 40. To see how much money the town will raise for textbooks.

Art. 41. To see how much money the town will raise for school repairs.

Art. 42. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for school supplies.

Art. 43. To see how much money the town will raise for a free high school.

Art. 44. To see how much money the town will raise for the salary of the superintendent of schools.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to pay the school committee the same as last year and out of town charges.

Art. 46. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial Day services and flags.

Art. 47. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the service of a public health nurse.

Art. 48. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the Girls' and Boys' 4-H Club and how much.

Art. 49. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions, under the provisions of Chapter 5, Section 82,

of the Revised Statutes. Said money to be expended through the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Art. 50. To see what action the town will vote to take towards authorizing the treasurer and tax collector to refuse payment, part or whole, on orders presented by persons indebted to the town.

Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute and deliver release deeds or other, and transact all other business for and pertaining to the town's interest in land, buildings and other estate, personal and real, taken in by the town for unpaid taxes.

Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obligations of the town, such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year, out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxation.

Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to accept the $125.00 received from Sumner L. Hart, to be added to the Cemetery Trust fund and interest to be used for the perpetual care of cemetery lot 6 and 7 (old yard) known as the Frank Hart and Charles Clement lot.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to elect a budget committee of five or more persons to serve without pay.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town Hall, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Willimantic this first day of March, 1946 A. D.

ADIN A. GREEN,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
LYNWOOD L. LEIGHTON,
Selectmen of Willimantic.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

Support of Poor	$	150 00
Summer Roads and Bridges		1,100 00
Winter Roads and Snow Fence		1,200 00
Cutting Bushes Third Class Roads		Pass
Road Patrol Maintenance		510 00
Third Class Road Maintenance		150 00
State Aid Road Construction		150 00
Town Charges		800 00
Memorial Day Services and Flags		10 00
Public Health Nurse		25 00

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Willimantic:

We, as members of the Budget Committee, held a meeting after the books were closed, and suggest the amounts listed above for money to be raised at the annual town meeting to be held on March 18, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER L. HART,
LESLIE W. KNOWLES,
ELEANOR B. WHARFF,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
LYNWOOD L. LEIGHTON,
ADIN A. GREEN,

Budget Committee members present at said meeting.

State of Maine

State Department of Audit

Augusta

May 31, 1945.

Board of Selectmen, Willimantic, Maine.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the town of Willimantic have been audited for the period February 29, 1944 to February 28, 1945 inclusive.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which we considered necessary. Insofar as we can ascertain within the scope of our examination, the result discloses that the financial transactions of this town have been satisfactorily handled.

Comments and schedules prepared by Auditor Libby are incorporated in this report. These should prove of interest to you.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY,

State Auditor.

FMB:HR:L

May 29, 1945

To: Fred M. Berry, State Auditor.

From: Millard E. Libby, Auditor.

Re: Audit of Town of Willimantic,

February 29, 1944 to February 28, 1945.

An examination has been completed of the books of account and records of the town of Willimantic for the municipal year ended February 28, 1945.

Insofar as could be determined, all revenues were properly recorded and monies received promptly deposited. Expenditures were reviewed to the extent deemed advisable and supporting vouchers were on file.

Exhibits and Schedules are submitted which, in our opinion, properly reflect the financial status of the town.

CASH, $2,800.84

All monies to the close of the municipal year had been deposited with the Guilford Trust Company and the town records reconcile with the bank statement of February 28, 1945.

TAXES—PROPERTY AND POLL, $198.55

The tax commitment was found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records. The total commitment was accounted for by cash, abatements, or unpaid taxes as reflected by the records of the Tax Collector.

The balance of the 1943 taxes had been collected in full but no payments were received on tax liens during the current year.

The excise tax collections were checked from the triplicate copies of the receipts and the amounts specified found deposited with the Treasurer.

NOTES RECEIVABLE, $470.74

This account represents mortgage notes given to the town on real estate and a note, dated in 1941, for hospital aid. The mortgage note is being collected but no payments have been reported as received for the aid rendered.

TRUST FUNDS, $2,075.00

An examination was made of the investments for the Cemetery and School Funds and all income appeared to have been properly accounted for. By an appropriation $40.00 was added to the School Fund during the current year.

NET SURPLUS, $2,150.69

As of the close of the municipal year, there was a Net Surplus in the amount of $2,150.69, as compared with a Net Surplus of $2,309.55 shown a year previous. This represents a loss of $158.86, analysis of which is shown on Exhibit E.

GENERAL

An examination was made of the payrolls and vouchers and they appeared to be proper charges and correctly recorded.

Only the distribution book had been posted but starting the 1945 year, the Selectmen's ledger is being used.

Records were maintained for Withholding Tax deductions and the monies found forwarded to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

The records of dog licenses issued by the Town Clerk showed collections of $29.60, which amount had been forwarded to the State Treasurer.

Verifications as deemed necessary were made of the asset and liability accounts.

(Signed) MILLARD E. LIBBY,
Auditor.

TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
ASSETS

Subsidiary Schedules:		Feb. 28, 1945		Feb. 29, 1944	
1	Cash		$2,800.84		$1,730.59
	Tax Accounts Uncollected:				
2	Taxes	$87.57		$113.64	
3	Tax Liens	110.98		110.98	
			198.55		224.62
	Accounts Receivable				52.00
4	Notes Receivable		470.74		520.74
	Total Assets		3,470.13		2,527.95
5	Trust Fund Investments		2,075.00		2,035.00
	Total Assets and Trust Investments		$5,545.13		$4,562.95

LIABILITIES

	Due Other Agencies:				
	Withholding Tax		$50.40		
	Total Liabilities		50.40		
5	Trust Fund Reserve		2,075.00		$2,035.00

SURPLUS ACCOUNTS

Ex. D	Departmental Bal. Fwd. (net)	$1,269.04		$218.40	
Ex. E	Net Surplus	2,150.69		2,309.55	
			3,419.73		2,527.95
	Total Liabilities, Trust Reserve and Surplus Accounts		$5,545.13		$4,562.95

EXHIBIT D

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Year ended February 28, 1945

	CREDITS					CHARGES		BALANCES		
	From 1943-44 Yr	Appropriations	Departmental Receipts	Other	Total	Cash Disbursements	Other	LAPSED Overdraft	LAPSED Unexpended	To 1945-46
General Government										
Town Charges		$800.00	$7.56	$314.43	$1,121.99	$290.14	$976.33	$144.48		
Officers' Salaries				976.33	976.33	976.33				
		800.00	7.56	1,290.76	2,098.32	1,266.47	976.33	144.48		
Health										
County Nurse		25.00			25.00	25.00				
Highways and Bridges										
Town Roads and Special Resolve		1,145.00			1,145.00	550.86			$594.14	
State Aid Construction	$300.00				300.00					$300.00
Highway Patrol		354.60			354.60	368.10		13.50		
Cutting Bushes		200.00			200.00					200.00
Winter Roads	**661.12**	1,000.00	1,714.40		2,053.28	2,651.52		598.24		
Third Class Maintenance		125.00			125.00	56.20				68.80
	361.12	2,824.60	1,714.40		4,177.88	3,626.68		611.74	594.14	568.80

Education										
Common Schools	574.20	2,200.00	756.85		3,531.05	2,916.00	234.20			380.85
High School Tuition	**43.05**	125.00	261.47	234.00	577.42	498.02				79.40
Textbooks	6.86	60.00			66.86	33.76				33.10
Supplies	25.58	50.00			75.58	66.81				8.77
Repairs	9.91	250.00			259.91	54.79				205.12
Supervision	**10.40**	130.40			120.00	127.00				**7.00**
	563.10	2,815.40	1,018.32	234.00	4,630.82	3,696.38	234.20			700.24
CEMETERIES										
Care of Cemetery	16.42		5.26			21.68	15.00		6.68	
Interest										
General Interest			18.00		18.00	14.58			3.42	
Unclassified										
4H Club		25.00			25.00	25.00				
Memorial Day		10.00			10.00	10.00				
Appropriation to Increase School Fund		40.00			40.00	40.00				
Abatements							7.08	7.08		
		75.00			75.00	75.00	7.08	7.08		
Special Assessments										
State Tax		1,116.82			1,116.82	1,116.82				
County Tax		206.13			206.13	206.31				
		1,323.31			1,323.31	1,323.13				
Total All Departments	$218.40	$7,863.13	$2,763.54	$1,524.76	$12,369.83	$10,042.24	$1,217.61	$763.30	$604.24	$1,269.04
Exhibits	(A)	(C)	(B)			(B)		(E)	(E)	(A)

EXHIBIT E

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET SURPLUS

Year ended February 28, 1945

Net Surplus—February 29, 1944		$2,309.55
Transactions affecting prior years:		
Credit—Adjustment—School Department Balance		.20
		2,309.75
Transactions affecting current year:		
Operating Accounts—		
Charges—Departmental Balances (Exhibit D)—		
Overdraft	$763.30	
Unexpended	604.24	
Total Credits for Current Year		159.06
NET SURPLUS—February 28, 1945 (Exhibit A)		$2,150.69

Complete audit report is on file at the office of the Selectmen.

Report of Assessors

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF WILLIMANTIC

APRIL 1, 1945

Real Estate, Resident	$ 37,643 00	
Real Estate, Non-resident	84,190 00	
Total Real Estate		$ 121,833 00
Personal Estate, Resident	$ 8,711 00	
Personal Estate, Non-resident	1,905 00	
Total Personal Estate		10,616 00
Grand Total Amount		$ 132,449 00
Total Value of Land	$ 87,093 00	
Total Value of Buildings	34,740 00	
Total Value of Land and Buildings		$ 121,833 00

No. Polls Taxed, 47
No. Polls Not Taxed, 18
Rate of Taxation, .063

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.		Total Val.
Horses and Mules	26	$89 00	plus	$2,360 00
Cows	37	41 00	plus	1,530 00
Three-year-olds	7	34 00	plus	240 00
Two-year-olds	6	30 00		180 00
Sheep (over 35 in number)	6	3 00		18 00
Poultry (over 50 in no.)	744	75		558 00
Total Value of Taxable Livestock				$4,886 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.		Total Val.
Yearlings	15	$21 00	plus	$ 320 00
Sheep (to 35 in number)	46	3 00	plus	139 00
Swine (to 10 in number)	13	21 00	plus	275 00
Poultry (to 50 in number)	420	74	plus	313 00
Total Value of Exempt Livestock				$1,047 00

OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Stock in Trade	4	$ 750 00
Gas Engines	10	160 00
Boats	90	1,115 00
Gasoline Pumps, hand	6	150 00
Radios	49	535 00
Furniture	1	500 00
Tractors	5	920 00
Machinery and Equipment	1	1,000 00
Other Property		600 00
Amount		$ 5,730 00
Amount of Livestock and Poultry brought forward		4,886 00
Total Amount Personal Property		$ 10,616 00

TOWN PROPERTY OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Town Hall and Tools	$ 1,600 00

VALUE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

No. 1 School Building	$ 700 00
No. 2 School Building	1,000 00
No. 3 School Building	1,000 00
Total	$ 2,700 00

We, the undersigned, Assessors of the town of Willimantic, hereby certify that the following is a true list and inventory appraised and valuation of all the polls and estate, personal and real, liable to assessment and taxation in the said town of Willimantic on the first day of April, 1945, A. D.

CASH APPROPRIATIONS

Special Resolve Road	$ 45 00	
Summer Roads and Bridges	1,000 00	
Winter Roads and Snow Fence	1,000 00	
Cutting Bushes State Aid and Third Class Roads	50 00	
Patrol Road Maintenance	381 60	
Third Class Road Maintenance	125 00	
State Aid Road	300 00	
Town Charges	800 00	
Insurance on School Houses	30 00	
Support of Schools	2,250 00	
Textbooks	40 00	
School Repairs	25 00	
School Supplies	60 00	
Free High School	300 00	
Salary Supt. of Schools	138 00	
Memorial Day Services and Flags	10 00	
Shingling Town Hall	275 00	
Public Health Nurse	25 00	
Boys and Girls 4-H Clubs	25 00	
Total		$ 6,897 60
County Tax	$ 216 24	
State Tax	1,120 29	
Overlay	269 43	
Total		$ 8,485 56

Rate of assessment, .063

Date of assessment, May 24, 1945

No. of Polls taxed, 47
No. of Polls not taxed, 18
Delivered to Burton L. Knowles May 24, 1945 with warrant for $8,485.56

No. of Dogs	27
Males	19
Females capable of producing young	2
Females not capable of producing young	6

ADIN A. GREEN,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
LYNWOOD L. LEIGHTON,
Assessors of Willimantic.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Louisa Fifield	$ 35 28	
Caleb Leavitt	4 91	
Ivan Leighton	3 00	
Herbert King	3 00	
	$	46 19

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Resident

Archie L. Bragg	53 05	Paid	$22 05
William Cook	14 80	Paid	
Agnes King	23 94		
William King	14 03		
Earl Kerr	8 36		
Thelma King	12 60		
John Leavitt	11 20	Paid	
John McKinney	14 11		
Irving Preble	13 71	Paid	
William F. Smith	9 45		
By error in tax receipt	15	Paid	
		$	175 40

Non-resident

E. R. Alden	$ 1 26			
Charles Blackman	2 84			
William Gourley	13 29			
Clyde Leighton	1 58			
Arthur McConnel	8 51			
Paul Perrin	14 62	Paid		
Monson Maine Slate Co.	81 90			
Evelyn Spack	63			
			$ 124	63
Total			$ 300	03

Report of Selectmen

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AND FLAGS

Raised by Town		$ 10 00
Paid Leslie W. Knowles		10 00

TOWN CHARGES

Amount raised by Town	$ 800 00	
Taken from Overlay	269 43	
Excise Tax	98 12	
Dog License refund	10 09	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Int.	6 01	
Bank stock tax	1 92	
		$ 1,185 57
Unexpended March 1, 1945		503 49
Amount available March 1, 1945		$ 1,689 06

BEAR BOUNTY ACCOUNT

Paid Max Shaw	$ 20 00	
Rex Turner	20 00	
John Leavitt	10 00	
		$ 50 00
Rec'd from State		50 00

SHINGLING TOWN HALL

Raised by Town	$ 275 00
Paid Clifford Perkins	275 00

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

Adin A. Green, postage and office supplies	$ 7 11
Adin A. Green, paid John White	4 00

Kathryn B. Green, typing	5 00
Central Maine Power Co., light bill	18 70
Lionel L. Merrill, postage	1 08
Marks Printing House, Town books and legal forms	18 55
Registry of deeds, transfers	80
Register Publishing Co., Town reports	52 50
Hutchins Bros., stationery	4 60
Willimantic Chapter, American Red Cross, cleaning Town Hall	1 00
State Treasurer, audit	55 62
Sumner L. Hart, office supplies	5 90
Sumner L. Hart, postage and stationery	7 02
Sumner L. Hart, constable bond	10 00
Guilford Trust Co., banking charges	1 27
Burton L. Knowles, mowing grass in cemetery	15 00
George Howard and Co., Town hall insurance	17 50
Maine Municipal Asso., dues	15 00
Coney Packard, telephone	1 70
Leslie W. Knowles, stationery, postage and office supplies	5 50
Sumner L. Hart, refund on cemetery lot	5 00
Lionel L. Merrill, out of town trips and work on books, March 1945	7 50

Leslie W. Knowles, Justice of the Peace	2 00	
Leslie W. Knowles, reporting old births	2 00	
Leslie W. Knowles, reporting Vital Statistics	3 00	
Total Incidental Account		$ 267 35

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Adin A. Green, Moderator	$ 4 96
Adin A. Green, chr. selectmen	250 00
Adin A. Green, attending assessors' school and expenses, and out of town mileage	12 80
Leslie E. Wharff, selectman	89 70
Lynwood L. Leighton, selectman	77 80
Lynwood L. Leighton, out of town mileage	6 24
Burton L. Knowles, tax collector	332 14
Burton L. Knowles, sexton	6 01
Sumner L. Hart, treasurer	125 00
Sumner L. Hart, constable, posting annual warrants	2 00
Sumner L. Hart, bal. excise tax	87
Leslie W. Knowles, clerk	10 00
Eleanor B. Wharff, chr. school committee	10 00
Ella Leighton, school committee	5 00
Mary A. Leighton, school committee	5 00

Coney E. Packard, fire ward, inspecting chimneys	10 40	
Fred M. Hescock, sealer of weights and measures, 1944	5 00	
Fred M. Hescock, sealer of weights and measures, 1945	5 00	
Total Town Officers' Bills		$ 957 92
Total Expended Town Charges		$ 1,225 27
Unexpended, March 1, 1946		$ 463 79

COUNTY TAX

Raised by Town	$ 216 24
Paid Piscataquis County Treasurer	$ 216 24

STATE TAX

Raised by Town	$ 1,120 29
Paid State Treasurer	$ 1,120 29

COUNTY NURSING SERVICES

Raised by Town	$ 25 00
Paid Piscataquis County Health and Tuberculosis Asso.	$ 25 00

GIRLS' AND BOYS' 4-H CLUB

Raised by Town	$ 25 00
Paid Piscataquis County Farm Bureau	$ 25 00

Report of
Girls' and Boys' 4-H Club

Project	Prizes	
Canning:		
Pauline Leavitt, First	$ 2 00	
Mary Jane Leavitt, Second	1 65	
Marilyn Leavitt, First	2 00	
Chick raising:		
Clair Preble, Second	1 65	
Garden:		
Irving Adkins, Second	1 65	
Potatoes:		
Ansel Preble, Second	1 65	
Serving:		
Beverly Adkins, First	2 00	
Pauline Leavitt, First	2 00	
Marilyn Leavitt, First	2 00	
Mary Jane Leavitt, First	2 00	
Total Pine Tree Members		$ 20 25
Victory Members		
Canning:		
Pauline Jones, Third	$ 75	
Garden:		
Milton Leighton, First	2 00	
Canning:		
Carol Leighton, First	2 00	
Total Victory Members		$ 4 75
Total Pine Tree and Victory Members		$ 25 00

Beverly Adkins being one of the ten highest ranking members in the County, went to the State Contest in Orono in December.

MARIE A. ADKINS,
Pine Tree 4-H Club Leader.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Unexpended March 1, 1945		$	536 56
Supplement to Old Age Assistance			
No. cases, 1			
Hospital and medicine	$ 89 05		
Board and care	140 00		
Car hire	6 30		
Total Expended		$	235 35
Unexpended March 1, 1946		$	301 21

RESOURCES

Due on tax liens 1937	$ 7 94		
Due on tax liens 1938	8 91		
Due on tax liens 1939	45 23		
Due on tax liens 1940	27 85		
Due on tax liens 1942	2 17		
Due on unpaid taxes 1945	300 03		
Cash on hand	2,677 78		
		$	3,069 91

We hereby wish to thank the citizens, taxpayers, and other town officers for their fine cooperation in the discharge of our official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. GREEN,
LESLIE E. WHARFF,
LYNWOOD L. LEIGHTON,
Selectmen of Willimantic.

Report of Road Commissioner

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by Town	$ 1,000 00		
Unexpended bal. from 1944	499 58		
Available March 1, 1945		$	1,499 58
Labor	$ 730 54		
Teams	21 45		
Trucks	321 50		
Material	85 14		
Tools and Equipment	7 25		
Total Expended		$	1,165 88
Unexpended March 1, 1946			333 70

STATE AID ROAD ACCOUNT

Raised by Town 1942	$ 300 00		
Raised by Town 1945	300 00		
Unexpended March 1, 1946		$	600 00

PATROL MAINTENANCE

Raised by Town	$ 381 60		
Transferred from Cutting Bushes, Third Class and S. A. Roads	122 70		
		$	504 30
Overexpended 1944			13 50
Amount available March 1, 1945		$	490 80
Paid State Treasurer		$	490 80

CUTTING BUSHES
THIRD CLASS AND S. A. ROADS

Raised by Town	$ 50 00	
Bal. from 1944	185 20	
Total available March 1, 1945		$ 235 20
Transferred to Patrol Maintenance	$ 122 70	
Payroll No. 1	31 90	
Payroll No. 2	15 00	
Total expended		$ 169 60
Unexpended March 1, 1946		$ 65 60

WINTER ROADS AND SNOW FENCE

Raised by Town	$ 1,000 00	
Overexpended March 1, 1945	39 00	
Available March 1, 1945		$ 961 00
Sanding	$ 204 31	
Snow Fence	211 65	
Snow Fence Stakes	5 00	
Culvert Markers	11 50	
Total expended		$ 432 46
Amount left for Snow Removal		$ 528 54

SNOW REMOVAL

Amount left from Winter Roads	$ 528 54	
Rec'd from State	1,907 50	
Total amount for Snow Removal		$ 2,436 04

Starbird and Clark	$2,430 50	
Taylor Bros.	63 00	
Total amount expended		$ 2,493 50
Over expended March 1, 1946		57 46

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Raised by Town	$ 125 00	
Unexpended 1944	1 06	
Rec'd from State	68 71	
Total available		$ 194 77
Labor	$ 79 18	
Trucks	37 50	
Tar	99 00	
Sand	2 15	
Total expended		$ 217 83
Over expended March 1, 1946		$ 23 06

SPECIAL RESOLVE

Amount raised by Town		$ 45 00
Payroll No. 1	$ 43 60	
Gravel	1 35	
Total expended		$ 44 95
Unexpended		05

Respectfully submitted,

LYNWOOD L. LEIGHTON,
Road Commissioner

WITHHOLDING TAX

Due Col. of Internal Revenue 1944 and 1945	$ 50 40	
Total tax withheld	383 66	
Due Col. of Internal Revenue 1945 and 1946		$ 434 06
Paid Col. of Internal Revenue		365 11
Due Col. of Internal Revenue March 1, 1946		$ 68 95

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

1945

March 1, Checking account	$2,800 84
Automobile Excise Tax	21 66
State Treasurer, removal of snow and fence	1,907 50
1944 Taxes	39 45
State Treasurer, Bear bounty	50 00
Piscataquis Saving Bank, Int. on Cemetery Fund	3 51
State Treasurer, bank stock tax	1 92
State Treasurer, dog license refund	10 09
State Treasurer, School Fund, teaching positions	1,171 26
High School tuition	390 00
Census	132 50
Sumner L. Hart, care of cemetery lot	125 00
Automobile Excise Tax	76 46
U. S. Treasurer, Int. Cemetery Fund	2 50
U. S. Treasurer, Int. School Fund	45 00
1945 Taxes	8,187 53
1942 Tax Liens	18 88
Withholding Tax	383 66
State Treasurer, Highway Fund	68 71
	$ 15,436 47

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Voucher paid	$12,758 69	
Checking account, Guilford Trust Co.	2,677 78	
		$ 15,436 47

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Amt. Fund	Exp.
Ann Hathaway	$ 50 00	$1 25
Florence M. Jackson	25 00	625
Mrs. A. D. Stilson	25 00	625
Alice J. Norton	25 00	50
Calvin Sears	150 00	3 01
Sumner L. Hart	125 00	
Total Fund	$400 00	

Funds invested

U. S. War Bonds Series G,

No. C2,829,453G	Due June 1956
C4,022,293G	Dec. 1957
C4,022,294G	Dec. 1957
C4,022,295G	Dec. 1957

SUMNER L. HART,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G

M,712,757G	$1,000 00	Due May 1954
C1,553,240G	100 00	July 1955
C1,553,241G	100 00	July 1955
D,905,926G	500 00	Sept. 1955
C2,940,976G	100 00	June 1956

Total School Fund $1,800 00

Interest for year 1945 and 1946, $45 00 transferred to Common School Fund.

SUMNER L. HART,
Treasurer

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Willimantic:

Annually, at this season, we concern ourselves with appraising the work of the past year, stock-taking to determine our present position, and finally, planning the work of the new year. We are entering a period in which, on local, state, and federal levels, the term "planning" is rapidly becoming a watchword of sound administration. We are all stockholders and directors in the largest business in the world, namely, that of public education. Planning has always been fundamental to business success, and our particular business can claim no exception.

Bulletin reports issued by the state department show that the additional subsidy allocated to towns in December under the provisions of the new MacKinnon bill has accomplished untold good in the personnel crisis the state was facing. With the supplementary aid enabling communities to improve salary schedules, the impact of conditions on educational opportunities for children and on the financial status of teachers would have been serious beyond measure.

However, the events of the past year, together with national trends which daily become more significant, indicate that these gains may be in part temporary and that they are rapidly being nullified. Living costs are constantly mounting, and price control and wages are being revised upward.

It was generally anticipated that the end of the war would bring about some improvement in the availability of trained teachers. Such has not been the case. Instead, the shortage is becoming increasingly critical as teachers leave their positions to marry or to resume life as homemakers.

An overall view of the situation leads to the inevitable conclusion that many communities must give serious consideration to a 1946 budget which will include substantial salary increases to teachers. In this way only can citizens be assured of a reasonable educational opportunity for their children.

The school situation in Willimantic presents several problems. Any one of these might cause the closing of one or more of the schools. For the last four years your school officials have been unable to find trained teachers for the schools. For two years the schools were maintained by being able to employ cadet teachers from the normal schools. For the last two years the officials have been able to find only high school graduates for teachers. The superintendents of schools do not know at this time whether or not towns will be permitted to employ untrained teachers in schools for another year. Your attention has already been called to the fact that there has been no improvement so far in the availability of trained teachers.

Given below is a copy of a letter received from the state department last October the contents of which the citizens of the town should know when making school plans. Probably the only reason there has been to date for maintaining all three schools has to do with the problem of providing suitable school conveyance. That has been the information supplied the state department.

Dear Mr. Sidelinger:

On your town of Willimantic Report of Public School System for the 1944-1945 school year you have listed the schools with an enrollment of 10.11 and 10 respectively. It seems that possibly at least one of these units could be closed and the pupils absorbed in the other schools without employing additional teachers.

Since Chapter 151, Section 201 of the Maine Law makes the Commissioner of Education responsible for approving each position on which the maximum teaching position subsidy is to be paid in December, this office desires all possible information which will justify the above listed schools as essential units.

Will you please supply me with that information as soon as possible?

Very truly yours,

Deputy Commissioner.

If trained teachers can be found for the schools, and the Commissioner of Education approves of maintaining the three units in the town, you have then the problem of providing funds for maintaining the schools. The state subsidy allocated to the town in December for elementary school purposes should be approximately $1300. This state fund with an annual appropriation of $2250 would provide, after deduction for fuel and janitor purposes, a salary of only $1000 per teacher. When trained teachers become available the town must be in a position to pay a salary $1100 or more to its teachers.

There has been a change in the age at which beginning pupils are being admitted to schools. In the public schools of the state only those children who will become at least 6 years of age on December 31 of the school year shall be admitted to grade 1. With the start of this school year all of the beginning children entering the schools of the town will enter as first grade pupils. In order to admit children at an earlier age the school must offer the plan for the subprimary grade as outlined in the elementary school curriculum. It does not seem possible to carry on the subprimary work as thus outlined in the small rural schools.

SCHOOL FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

We may prepare the school budget this year on the basis of present schedules and plan to make use of funds now available for all additional funds that may be needed for the coming year. On the basis of the present schedules for teachers' salaries, fuel and janitor purposes the cost for these purposes for the coming year is $3550. Any cost over that sum may be paid from funds now available, providing none of the fund is used otherwise. In case one of the schools is closed during the year any of the funds available for elementary school purposes may be used for providing school conveyance.

There are seven pupils now attending some secondary school. It seems now that we can reasonably look for at least seven pupils to attend some such school this coming year. The present annual cost for tuition amounts to $675. On the basis of payment of that amount in tuition the town will receive in state funds in December $450. The annual cost for textbooks is $50 or $60. About the same amount is usually used for school supplies. Money will, also, be needed to renew the insurance on two of the school buildings.

There are many things that could be done on and about the school buildings, providing all of the buildings will continue to be used. Two years ago money was raised for purchasing and setting new windows at the No. 2 school building. Because we have not been able to purchase the new windows that work has never been done. Then forty or fifty dollars is needed annually for minor repairs, fixtures and material for the buildings. Should a change be made so that only two buildings will be used after this year for school purposes, some changes will need to be made at the buildings used. It might be possible that more money than is now available for repairs will be needed for the coming year.

SCHOOL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Elementary School Account

Estimate as to Needs:			
Teachers' salaries	$3,000 00		
Fuel purposes	325 00		
Janitor purposes	225 00		
		$	3,550.00
Estimate as to Funds:			
State School Fund	$1,300 00		
Appropriation by town	2,250 00		
		$	3,550 00
Appropriations Suggested:			
Elementary School Account		$	3,550 00
High School Account			200 00
Free Textbook Account			60 00
School Supply Account	$ 60 00		
Light Account	15 00		
		$	75 00
School Repairs Account			50 00
School Insurance Account			48 75
School Nurse Account			25 00
Superintendence Account			149 00

Under the heading of Financial Statements may be found information regarding money raised by the town for school purposes, money received from the state and allocated to school purposes, together with expenditures for this municipal year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,
Superintendent of Schools

Feb. 20, 1946

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 1945-1946

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Funds Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	$ 380 85	
Amount raised, 1945	2,250 00	
State School Fund	1,303 76	
Interest on fund	45 00	
		$ 3,979 61

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries:		
Madeline L. Knowles	$ 926 00	
Loraine G. Lewis	315 00	
Dorothy L. Mitchell	315 00	
Hazel L. Leavitt	611 00	
Sylvia D. Davis	44 00	
Phyllis A. Delimont	512 00	
		$ 2,723.00
Fuel purposes:		
Payments on wood	$ 168.00	
Payments on kindling wood	15 25	
Labor on fuel	56 00	
		$ 239 25
Janitor purposes:		
Paid school janitors	$ 171.00	
Cleaning school buildings	23 00	
Supplies for janitors	26 22	
		$ 220 22
Amount unexpended, 1945		$ 797 14
Total amount available		$ 3,979.61

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Funds Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	$ 79 44	
Amount raised, 1945	300 00	
State School Fund	390 00	
		$ 769 40

Expenditures

Monson Academy	$ 99 00	
Town of Milo	125 00	
Town of Guilford	430 00	
		$ 654 00
Amount unexpended, 1945		$ 115 40
Total amount available		$ 769 40

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Funds Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	$ 33 10	
Amount raised, 1945	40 00	
		$ 73 10

Expenditures

American Book Company	$ 30 11	
Row, Peterson & Company	17 89	
American Education Press	4 95	
The Macmillan Company	3 15	
		$ 56 10
Amount unexpended, 1945		$ 17 00
Total amount available		$ 73 10

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Amount Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	$ 8 75	
Amount raised, 1945	60 00	
		$ 68 75

Expenditures

Office needs	$ 7 55	
School papers	5 00	
Work books	7 78	
Supplies for schools	31 59	
		$ 51 92
Amount unexpended, 1945		$ 16 83
Total amount available		$ 68 75

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Funds Available

Amount unexpended, 1944	$ 205 12	
Amount raised, 1945	25 00	
		$ 230 12

Expenditures

Expended for labor	$ 18 20	
Expended for material	17 23	
		$ 35 43
Amount unexpended, 1945		$ 194 69
Total amount available		$ 230 12

SCHOOL INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Amount raised, 1945	$ 30 00
Amount expended, 1945	$ 30 00

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Amount raised, 1945	$ 138 00	
Amount of overdraft, 1945	7 00	
		$ 145 00

Expenditures

Amount of Overdraft, 1944	$ 7 00	
C. L. Sidelinger, salary	138 00	
		$ 145 00

I hereby submit the Annual Report of Health Service rendered the Town of Willimantic for the period beginning January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945.

TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION

Tuberculin test was given in May

Students	30
Adults	9
Preschool	1
Infant	1
No. X-rayed at Greenville	1
No. X-rayed at Bangor	1

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

A nurse inspection of school children was made in November-December and the following conditions were noted.

Number of children inspected	31
Number of children with teeth defects	17
Number of children with unclean teeth	14
Number of children with abnormal throat conditions	5

DEMONSTRATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

A two-day program was conducted "Caring for the Sick in the Home." This was a cooperative Program sponsored by the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture at the University of Maine.

I wish to thank all citizens and teachers for their cooperation. This service is available always in helping you to solve health problems.

Respectfully submitted,

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY HEALTH AND
TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION
By: Nellie R. Gibbons
Public Health Nurse

Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED AT WILLIMANTIC DURING THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1945 AND 1946

1945

June 25 Janice Louise Bragg, daughter of Archie L. and Murial Bragg.

Nov. 14 Sandra Kathleen Hatch, daughter of Stanley K. and Marjory M. Hatch.

Nov. 15 Gerald Edward Packard, son of Burton N., Jr., and Vivian Viola Packard.

DEATHS

1945

March 25 Emelie Campbell, aged 72 years, 10 months, 16 days, cancer of stomach. Reported by S. N. Marsh, M. D.

Aug. 22 Florentine Arnold, aged 61 years, 1 month, 12 days, angina. Reported by S. N. Marsh, M. D.

Nov. 7 Wilfred J. Hart, 74 years, 11 months, 3 days, senility. Reported by Guy E. Dore, M. D.

Nov. 28 Hugh S. Goodell, aged 68 years, 10 months, 17 days, heart block. Reported by Guy E. Dore, M. D.

Nov. 22 Walter D. Low, aged 48 years, 6 months, 24 days. N. Leeds by automobile accident. Reported by Irving Goodat, M. D.

MARRIAGES

1945

Aug. 25 Harold F. Tucker and Mary Olivett Leighton by Leslie W. Knowles, J. P., at Willimantic, Me.

Aug. 24 Kenneth B. Knowles and Meredith Rilla Walton by Rev. Gerald W. Beals at Milo, Me.

Oct. 6 Everett Sawyer Colson and Vaughn G. Smith by Leslie W. Knowles, J. P., at Willimantic, Me.

1946

Jan. 4 Lytle B. Packard and Eugenia E. Hescock by Rev. J. Griffiths at Guilford, Me.

No. of dogs licensed, 24.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE W. KNOWLES,
Town Clerk